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TO: File

FROM: Gerard J. Heyt

SUBJECT: Kent County Landfill, Kent County

On January 17, 1980, at approximately 9:30 A.M., I was contacted by Curt Kempanien, Kent County Department of Public Works, who advised me of the fact that the leachate lagoon at the 10 Mile Road landfill had overflowed. Subsequently I left Lansing shortly thereafter enroute to the site. Upon arrival (approximately 11:30), I talked to Lee Bartlett, on-site engineer, who also acknowledged that the lagoon had overflowed and that the county's vacuum truck had broken down that morning and they had contacted Plummer's Septic Service to pump the lagoon. Also, they (Kent County) were in the process of hooking up a pump to reintroduce the leachate into a bermed area on top of the fill. It seemed that everything was under control so I proceeded back to the Grand Rapids office (there was no leachate leaving the lagoon while I was at the site).

A approximately 3:45 P.M., this day, I received a complaint via telephone that the lagoon had again overflowed. Subsequently I again visited the site. Prior to arrival I sampled a stream of surface water at 10 Mile Road (directly down gradient from the lagoon) which is a point sampled under the provisions of a N.P.D.E.S. Permit for the east dewatering drain. Upon arrival at the on-site lagoon Dave DesPres, Curt Kempanien and Lee Bartlett were present surveying the situation. There was no evidence that the lagoon had overflowed since early this morning.

The county's vacuum truck was again operational and was pumping leachate from the lagoon along with Plummer's. The leachate was being dumped in a sanitary sewer manhole on Jerice Rd., just west of the City of Rockford.

I questioned Lee Bartlett as to the amount of leachate lost. His reply was approximately 2500 - 3000 gals.

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